



Amendments to the Agriculture Appropriations Bill ***Updated as of July 11, 2001***

Amendments In Order Pursuant to Unanimous Consent Agreement:

Allen (#4) -- amendment that requires, upon Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of a new drug, the disclosure of the taxpayer funded contribution to the total cost of research and development of that drug. **Should Be Subject to a Point of Order.**

Baca – amendment increasing funding to Hispanic Serving Institutions under the Cooperative Research and Education Program by \$16.5 million. **Amendment will be withdrawn.**

Blumenauer -- amendment that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to make a report available that specifies the amount of federal funds being used to provide price support in the form of loans, direct payments to producers, and other subsidies. The amendment also requires that the report describe the full effect of import quotas and tariffs imposed by the United States to protect such a commodity. **Subject to a Point of Order.**

Boehlert & Stupak – amendment adding \$10 million to Elderly Meals Program (Food Donation Programs are funded at \$150.8 million, \$2,000 less than last year and equal to the request, of this amount all but about \$1 million is for nutrition programs for the elderly). The amendment offsets the increases by reducing Agriculture Building and Facilities and Rental Payments by \$10 million (funded at \$187.6 million, \$5.3 million more than last year and \$66,000 above the request).

Brown (OH) – amendment requires that the Office of Generic Drugs within FDA use \$1 million of it funds to ensure that prescription drug patents comply with the Waxman/Hatch Act (relating to drug patents and the introduction of generic drugs).

Clayton (#2)-- amendment composed of three funding transfers:

1. reducing Agriculture Buildings & Facilities by \$5.5 million and increasing the Cooperative State Research capacity building grants (land grant colleges) by the same amount
2. reducing competitive research grants under the Cooperative State Research program by \$10 million and increasing payments to 1890 land grant colleges, including Tuskegee University by the same amount
3. reducing Farm Service Agency Salaries & Expenses by \$7 million and increasing Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers by the same amount.

Gilchrest & Oliver – amendment striking language preventing the use of funds for the implementation of the Kyoto Global Warming Protocol. (NOTE: In the past most RSC Members have supported the funding ban and therefore are likely to oppose the amendment.)

Gutknecht (#3) -- amendment prohibits funds from being used to prevent individuals not in the business of importing prescription drugs from importing FDA-approved drugs from the European Union and Canada. The amendment excludes controlled substances. All FDA rules regarding labeling and packaging are still in effect. (A similar amendment passed last year 370 to 12, Roll Call # 377.)

Hinchey (#8) --- amendment that directs the USDA to continue its involvement in the American Heritage Rivers Initiative (AHRI) at the same level as last year. Currently, USDA supports two river navigators in the AHRI -- one for the Hudson River and one for the Upper Susquehanna/Lackawanna in Pennsylvania. This amendment prohibits the USDA from eliminating these positions. (NOTE: In the past most RSC Members have opposed the Clinton Administration created American Heritage River System and therefore are likely to oppose the amendment.)

Kaptur (#10) -- amendment instructing the Secretary of Agriculture to continue in FY 2002 the Global Food for Education initiative implemented during FY 2001. **Subject to a Point of Order.**

Kaptur (#11) -- amendment that appropriates \$500 million in emergency spending for the development and production of biofuels, including ethanol, biodiesel, and biomass. **Subject to a Point of Order.**

Kaptur (#12) – amendment earmarks \$500,000 for the National 4-H Program Centennial Initiative. **May Be Subject to a Point of Order.**

Kucinich (#13) -- amendment that prohibits the use of funds for approval or process of approval of an application for an animal drug for creating transgenic salmon or any other transgenic fish.

Lucas (OK) (#16) -- amendment adding a new section to increase Watershed and Flood Protection Operations account by \$5.4 million, and limiting funding to \$3.6 million for salaries for Department of Agriculture personnel that carry out programs authorized by section 524(a) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act for FY 2002. These funds will go specifically for the small dam rehabilitation program as added by section 313 of P.L. 106-472. The cap on salaries is an offset.

Mink (#17) -- amendment that makes \$950,000 of the amount appropriated to the Agriculture Research Service's Salaries and Expenses account available for the Hawaii Agricultural Research Center to maintain competitiveness and support the expansion of new crops and products. **Should Be Subject to a Point of Order.**

Mink (#18) -- amendment that makes \$1.6 million of the amount appropriated to the Agriculture Research Service's Salaries and Expenses account available for the Oceanic Institute of Hawaii. **Should Be Subject to a Point of Order.**

Royce (#19) -- amendment prohibiting funds from being used to award any new allocations under the market access program or to pay the salaries of personnel to award such allocations. (A similar amendment last year was defeated 77 to 301 – Roll Call # 376, however, many RSC Members supported the amendment.)

Pelosi – amendment requires that not more than \$25 million worth of commodities shall be made available to foreign countries to assist in mitigating the effects of HIV and aids. **Should be Subject to a Point of Order.**

Sanders (#20) -- amendment that prohibits funds to enforce a section of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act that prohibits reimportation of an approved drug originally manufactured in the United States by anyone other than the manufacturer. (A similar amendment passed last year 370 to 12, Roll Call # 377.)

Smith (MI) (#21) -- amendment that maintains the number of farmers eligible for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) under language included in last year's Agricultural Risk Protection Act (Crop Insurance Reforms). **Should Be Subject to a Point of Order.**

Smith (MI) (#23) -- amendment that disallows funds to pay salaries of USDA personnel that permit the payment limitation on marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments to exceed the amount specified in the Food Security Act of 1975 (\$75,000), except for payments to husbands and wives participating together in the same farming operation which would be limited to \$150,000.

Weiner (#25) -- amendment prohibiting funds appropriated by this Act to be used for salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Agriculture to make any payment to producers of wool or producers of mohair for the 2000 or 2001 marketing years. (NOTE: In the past most RSC Members have opposed the wool and mohair subsidy and therefore are likely to support the amendment. In the 106th Congress Republicans Voted 106 to 110 for a similar amendment, Roll Call #383)

Trafficant (#1) -- amendment that prohibits appropriated funds from being made available for any person or entity convicted of violating the Buy American Act.
